



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL JOHN W. "JAY" RAYMOND

Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond assumed the duties as the first Chief of Space Operations, United States Space Force, Dec. 20, 2019; and Commander, United States Space Command, Aug. 29, 2019.

U.S. Space Force is responsible for providing resilient, defendable and affordable space capabilities for the nation and the joint force. It is the duty of the U.S. Space Force to protect the interests of the United States in space; deter aggression in, from and to space; and conduct prompt and sustained space operations. As the Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force, Gen. Raymond leads the organizing, training, equipping and maintaining of mission-ready space forces and capabilities for U.S. Space Command and other combatant commands around the world. The Chief of Space Operations performs the duties of such position under the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of the Air Force and is directly responsible to the Secretary.

U.S. Space Command is one of 11 unified commands under the Department of Defense and is responsible for deterring conflict, defending U.S. and allied freedom of action in the space area of operations, delivering combat-relevant space capability to the joint/combined force and developing space forces to advance U.S. and allied interests in, through and from the space domain. As the Commander of U.S. Space Command, Gen. Raymond directs assigned and attached joint space forces providing tailored, responsive, theater and global space effects in support of national objectives.

Gen. Raymond was commissioned through the ROTC program at Clemson University in 1984. He has commanded the 5th Space Surveillance Squadron at RAF Feltwell, United Kingdom, the 30th Operations Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, Colorado, the 14th Air Force and Joint Force Space Component Command. He deployed to Southwest Asia as Director of Space Forces in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Gen. Raymond's staff assignments include Headquarters AFSPC, U.S. Strategic Command, the Air Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Prior to assuming command of U.S. Space Force and U.S. Space Command, Gen. Raymond was Commander, AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colorado.



EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor of Science, Administrative Management, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.
1990 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1990 Master of Science, Administrative Management, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant
1997 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2003 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
2007 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2011 Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1985–October 1989, Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Crew Commander; Alternate Command Post; Flight Commander and Instructor Crew Commander; and Missile Procedures Trainer Operator, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
2. October 1989–August 1993, Operations Center Officer Controller, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division, and Executive Officer, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. August 1993–February 1996, Chief, Commercial Space Lift Operations, Assistant Chief, Current Operations Branch, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
4. February 1996–August 1996, Deputy Director, Commander in Chief's Action Group, Headquarters AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
5. August 1996–June 1997, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. June 1997–August 1998, Space and Missile Force Programmer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
7. September 1998–April 2000, Chief, Expeditionary Aerospace Force Space and Program Integration, Expeditionary Aerospace Force Implementation Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
8. April 2000–June 2001, Commander, 5th Space Surveillance Squadron, RAF Feltwell, United Kingdom
9. June 2001–July 2002, Deputy Commander, 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. July 2002–June 2003, Student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
11. June 2003–June 2005, Transformation Strategist, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. June 2005–June 2007, Commander, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif. (September 2006–January 2007, Director of Space Forces, Combined Air Operations Center, Southwest Asia)
13. June 2007–August 2009, Commander, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. August 2009–December 2010, Director of Plans, Programs and Analyses, Headquarters AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. December 2010–July 2012, Vice Commander, Fifth Air Force, and Deputy Commander, 13th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
16. July 2012–January 2014, Director of Plans and Policy (J5), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. January 2014–August 2015, Commander, Fourteenth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), AFSPC, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
18. August 2015–October 2016, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. October 2016–December 2019, Commander, AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
20. August 2019–present, Commander, U.S. Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
21. December 2019–present, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force, Peterson AFB, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003–June 2005, Transformation Strategist, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
2. July 2012–January 2014, Director of Plans and Policy (J5), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as a major general
3. December 2017–August 2019, Commander, Joint Force Space Component Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a general
4. August 2019–present, Commander, U.S. Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a general

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
French Order of Merit

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 General Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award, Air Force Association
2015 Thomas D. White Space Award, Air Force Association
2016 Peter B. Teets Government Award, National Defense Industrial Association
2017 James V. Hartinger Award, National Defense Industrial Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Lieutenant July 20, 1984
First Lieutenant July 20, 1986
Captain July 20, 1988
Major July 1, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 1999
Colonel July 1, 2004
Brigadier General Aug. 1, 2009
Major General May 4, 2012
Lieutenant General Jan. 31, 2014
General Oct. 25, 2016

(Current as of December 2019)